

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

## Office of the Governor

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and Ruth Rehn exemplifies each of these qualities; and,

*Whereas*, In 1974, Ruth joined the staff of the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) with the charge of developing the girls' sports program for South Dakota, working with many athletic administrators around the state to establish guidelines for the administration of these programs, and witnessing the implementation of her recommendation to the SDHSAA Board to have an athletic director placed on all of the SDHSAA sport advisory committees; and,

*Whereas*, Ruth worked diligently on the development of the officials' associations for gymnastics, wrestling, volleyball, and basketball/football and assisted with the training of these officials; and,

*Whereas*, Under Ruth's guidance, track and field officials became licensed, tennis officials are now present at state tennis tournaments, she promoted the use of the smaller basketball for girls, with South Dakota being the first state in the nation to officially adopt the ball for high school girls, and assisted with the switch of seasons in girls' basketball and volleyball; and,

*Whereas*, For many years, Ruth organized the SDHSAA's annual Coaches Clinic, guided the development of the South Dakota Cheer Coaches Association, and implemented the first State Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance competitions; and,

*Whereas*, Ruth has been the recipient of a host of awards during her involvement in numerous state and national organizations, which, along with 34 years of service to the SDHSAA, has established her as the leading figure in the growth, development, and recognition of high school girls' athletic programs in the state of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan as her colleagues, family, and friends gather on June 12, 2008, to celebrate her successful career and thank Ruth for a job well done as she retires on June 30, 2008:

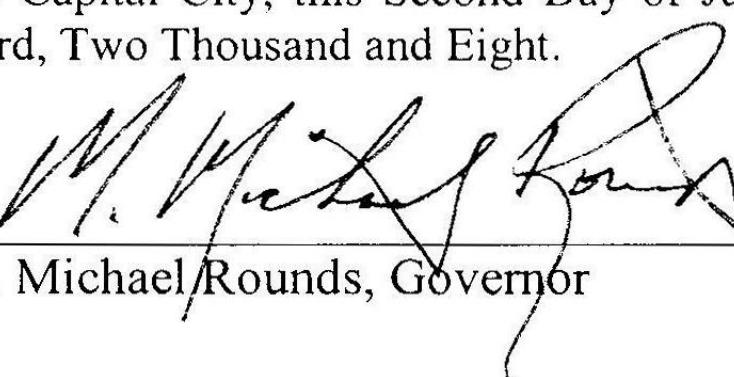
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2008, as

### RUTH REHN DAY

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State